GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2662
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MECHANISED FISHING BOATS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government is sanctioning and releasing funds for reimbursement on CED and HSD oil to mechanized fishing boats below 20 MTs length @ Rs.0.35 paise per litre of diesel on the pattern of 80:20 by Union Government and State Government;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether due to hike in diesel price and non-remunerative fishing operation, motorized fishing boat operators are requesting for total exemption of sales tax on CED and HSD;

(d) If so, whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has made any request to the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) If so, the action taken or being taken by the Government on the request of Government of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) : Yes, Sir .

(b) : The component on Fishermen Development Rebate on HSD is operated under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Marine Fisheries. The scheme cleared for implementation for Tenth Plan envisages a rebate of Rs. 1.50 per litre HSD consumed by the eligible vessels. The rebate will be borne 100% by the Centre in the case of coastal States which have exempted Sales Tax on HSD and for the UTs. For States which are levying Sales Tax are to share 20% of the rebate.

(c)&(d) : Yes, Sir .

(e) : The scheme under implementation by the Government is not linked to fluctuation in diesel price.